New York and the Surf. Few New Yorkers ever stop to think that one of that city's chief attractions is the surf. Philadelphians must go fifty-six miles to the ocean. Though the folk of Baltimore and Washington live on tidewater, they must travel for surf bathing to the capes. Boston is the only other large town on the Atlantic seaboard besides New York that has the ocean at its back door. San Francisco and Los Angeles are the only Pacific coast cities within trolley ride of ocean beach. None of the Mexican gulf cities can be compared to New York as a seaside resort, and as to New Orleans, another Mecca of the pleasure seekers, that lies more than 100 miles above the mouth of the Mississippi. But, including Coney Island and Rockaway, a good many miles of Greater New York are bounded by the ocean. This fact, just to consider the money making side of it, means an enormous revenue to the metropolis from the inland parts of the country. It is an advantage other great world centers, such as London, Paris and Berlin, do not enjoy.-Argonaut.

The Short Step Between.

"I was on an ocean liner when she ran on the rocks off the English coast some years ago." said a traveling man, "and in the panic that ensued there is one incident that stands out in my memory, illustrating the slender thread between the tragic and the ridiculous. We had a fellow on board who had managed to keep pretty well loaded all the way across, and when we struck the rocks he was in his usual condition. When everybody thought for sure we were going to the bottom he sat down at the plano in the saloon. and what do you suppose he began playing? 'Home, Sweet Home.' Somebody went to him and begged him to Immediately he switched off from the doleful strains of the old song to the rollicking melody of 'Down Went McGinty.' The absurdity of the thing seemed to strike everybody at once, and a general laugh followed. The tension was relieved, and there was good order after that"

The Restaurant Piccolo. Writing from Dresden, an American says: "There is at least one thing in a German restaurant for which one would look in vain in our country. That is the piccolo. You may think that I mean a musical instrument and that any orchestra in any country might have one of these, but you are wrong. My piccolo, the one at the restaurant, is a human being. He is a boy twelve to fifteen years old, who essists the regular waiters. He wears the regulation waiter's costume and looks funny in his spiketail coat. He is as solemn as a funeral, knows how to extract a tip and for the high privflege of retaining his place and taking his first degree as a waiter must endure much abuse at the hands of the head waiter and his underlings. He is a funny little fellow, this piccolo, who because of his appearance could never prosper in our country."-New York Tribune.

Created a New Word. It was the third Earl Spencer who added a word to the language in conse-

quence of a wager. The bet was that by cutting off the tail part of his overcoat he could bring into fashion overcoats so short that the skirts of the undercoat would show beneath. He the name both of that garment and of the feminine one afterward constructed in its likeness. The peerage has added more than one name to the terminology of costume. Everybody knows "Wellingtons," and the billycock hat is said by some to be really "Billy Coke," from Coke of Norfolk, earl of Lelcester. But none of these examples in the sphere of clothes rivals what the Earl of Sandwich did when he contrived the slice of meat between bread as a device to enable him to go on gambling without leaving off for a meal.-London Chronicle.

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A Bright Student.

During a recent examination in the theology of the Old Testament the following question was asked a young clergyman: "What language did Balaam's ass speak?" After a moment of thought a smile flashed across his face, and he wrote his answer. I looked at the paper. He had written, "Assyrian."-Lippincott's.

Things He Sees. "He's a terrible drunkard, isn't he?" "Yes, but he's a good citizen."

"How can that be?" "Every time he has jimjams he goes to the courthouse and pays taxes on a pack of pink and blue dogs."-Cleveland Leader.

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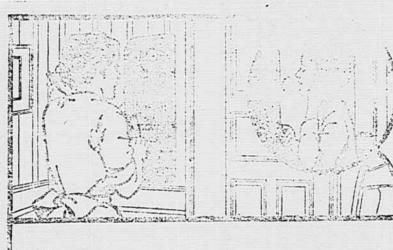
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